

News *from the* City of Gardner

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner
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Intermodal Review Committee Begins Work



The Mayor's Intermodal Review Committee began meeting in April and will continue its work through July to help the City Council identify issues related to the proposal presented by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to construct a logistics facility

and develop an industrial park, commonly known as an Intermodal Park. The proposed location of these facilities would be bounded by 56 Highway on the North, Waverly Road on the East, 191st Street to the South and Four Corners Road on the West.

The committee is charged with Identify the issues that the Gardner City Council will have to consider when reviewing a future proposal for a Logistics Park located west of Waverly and south of 56 Highway. Examining those issues, listing the pros and cons, providing ideas to maximize the benefits and minimize the problems. They will host a public forum to receive comments and questions

from the public on June 6th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gardner City Hall. The entire community is invited to attend. The committee will then work on presenting a paper to the City Council, by no later then July 10.

The Intermodal Review Committee is made up of representatives from the Gardner City Council, the City of Edgerton, the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation, Area Developers, USD 231, Citizens at Large, Gardner Planning Commission and the Johnson County Community College.

The Committee will be considering: train and railroad operations, utilities provisions, land use and related planning, roadway/transportation considerations, traffic control, development standards, quality of life, economic development and other government services, such as emergency response.

Information on Members, Agendas and Minutes, and Project Library are located at www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Major Developments are Springing Up



Gardner has several new commercial developments getting underway this spring.

along E. Lincoln Lane.

The Center Street Commons Retail Center, to be located at 183rd and Center Street,

has also begun site work in April. Several retail buildings will be developed on the site and service the surrounding area.



Walgreen's has broken ground on the southwest corner of the Moonlight Plaza shopping center.



East of the area in The New Century Business Park has seen a lot of work this past year. On building that is currently under construction will

house the relocation of Gardner Dental Care. This facility will contain other tenant spaces in addition to the dental office. Little Peoples Daycare is also being constructed



Other Major Development Projects

A new Middle School is being built along Kill Creek Drive, located in Gardner's northwest area, between 159th and 167th, west of Waverly. This school will house grades 5 through 8. It is located next to the new Celebration Park that will begin construction later this year.



The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

Gardner citizens and business owners are involved right now in two very important committees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have agreed to serve and volunteer their time and energy to our community.

The first group I want to thank is the Intermodal Review Committee. They have been charged with identifying issues related to a proposal presented by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to construct a logistics facility and develop an industrial park. The members of this committee have pledged their time and energy to identify issues that the Gardner City Council will have to consider when reviewing a proposal presented by BNSF. They will examine the pros and cons and provide recommendations to maximize the benefits and minimize the problems. They will be receiving comments and questions from the you at a public forum on June 6th at City Hall and will use this information in their research. Further, they will present a paper to the City Council with their findings no later than July 10th. This is a very serious commitment of time and energy and we are so grateful to have people who are willing to step up to the task at hand.

The second group I want to thank is the 150 Committee. This committee is charged with planning Gardner's 150th Birthday Celebration which will take place in 2007. It will be a year long birthday party! This is a huge undertaking of time and creativity for those who have agreed to serve. As plans progress, this newsletter will keep you updated on our exciting Celebration. It is my hope that, in 2007, all organizations, churches, schools and neighborhoods in our Gardner community will be taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Gardner is so fortunate to have citizens from all walks of life coming together to work toward a common goal. Volunteers are the backbone of a thriving community and I see examples of that every day of the year.

We each have unique talents and skills we can offer our community and by drawing together those who are willing to share these skills, our community can continue to be one that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Mayor of Gardner

Odd / Even Watering Encouraged

The City of Gardner is requesting cooperation from its Citizens to water using the odd/even system; i.e. even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd days. This plan helps stabilize peak water demands on the system, while making better use of available resources.



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The Gardner Pool...A Cool Place to Be!

Join us for opening day at the Gardner Swimming Pool Saturday, May 27th. Season passes are now on sale at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall, 120 E. Main. Passes will be available to purchase at the pool on Friday, May 26th at 1:00 p.m. The pool offers professional Ellis & Associate Certified Lifeguards, a friendly and knowledgeable support staff, clean and safe facilities, concessions, and rentals for pool parties.

Pool hours are 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. The pool is located at 215 N. Center and the phone number is 856-8206.

Resident Season Passes

Family Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$78
Day Care Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$78
Individual Pass (All Ages)	\$47

Non-Resident Season Passes

Family Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$110
Day Care Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$68

Daily Pool Admission Fees

Adults	\$2.25
Children	\$1.75
Seniors 62 and over	Free
Children 3 and under	Free

Swimming Pool Parties

Parties can be scheduled 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. any day of the week. A great idea for family reunions, baseball teams, Girl or Boy Scout Troops, birthday parties, etc. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 856-0936 for more information or to schedule a party. **All party reservations must be made at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located at City Hall.**

Swimming Lessons

Registration is now being accepted at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$35.00 per person. Visit our website, www.gardnerkansas.gov



Keeping Your Property Maintained



It is that time of the year again when we get back out into the yard and start enjoying the nice warm weather. Being a good neighbor requires that we mow the lawn, properly care for trees by removing dead limbs/branches, and branches overhanging too low over sidewalks. This is also the time when recreational vehicles come out of storage. RV's and trailers cannot be stored on the street or your driveway, except for 48 hours each month to load and unload for your vacation getaway. Recreational vehicles and trailers need to be stored in the garage, one on the side of the house, and/or one in the backyard. For more information please contact Community Development, Codes at 913-856-0913.



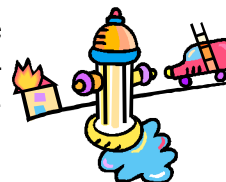
Junk is not allowed to be stored in your yard. Please take the opportunity with the city-wide cleanup on May 13th to get rid of any large items (see back of newsletter for more information). Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored in the street or your driveway. Cars that cannot operate due to flat tires, accidents, no motor, or even no current tags must be stored in the enclosed building or garage. For more information contact Public Safety at 913-856-7312.

Gardner Starts NIMS Training



NIMS is the National Incident Management System. It is a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, tribal, and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

Although NIMS has been in place for the past few years, the recent disasters in the south prompted Homeland Security to come up with a NIMS compliance for fire and rescue, law enforcement, hospitals, transportation systems, public works and all others who play a part in incidents. The main reason for compliance is that no matter where the incident occurs in the United State, all incoming resources will use the same command system.





Summer Recreation Activities



Kids' Fishing Derby

Join the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for a fun-filled morning of fishing at Gardner Lake! Worms, fishing poles, and goody bags will be provided.

Date: May 14

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Gardner Lake

Fee: Free

Ages: 12 and Under

Registration Deadline: May 9



Bike Rodeo

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department and the Gardner Public Safety Department are combining efforts with the Kansas Wildscape Foundation to bring you our 4th Annual Bike Rodeo! We'll have volunteers on hand to check your bicycle's mechanical condition and make minor repairs. Public Safety personnel will engrave your bicycle with an owner identification number—free of charge.

Join us for games, safety tips, an obstacle course, and tons of prizes and giveaways!

Date: June 25

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: G.E.H.S. Parking Lot

Fee: Free

Age: 12 and Under

Registration Deadline: June 20



Adult Summer Softball League

"USSSA" Rules will apply

All leagues will consist of a minimum of 5 week, 10 game, double-header leagues. Players must be 18 years and older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

League Fee: \$300

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until leagues are full.

Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	June 18	Sun. 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 18	Sun. 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Men's D	June 19	Mon. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Men's D	June 21	Wed 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
Women's D	June 21	Wed. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 9

Hershey Track & Field Meet

This meet is designed to encourage athletes to participate in track and field. **Participants can enter a maximum of one track and two field events, or one field and two track events.** The top six qualifiers (9 to 14 years old) in each event can advance to the state meet, June 25 & 26 in Burlington, KS. There, they will compete for the regional and, ultimately, the national meeting held annually in Hershey, PA. All expenses for the national meet will be paid by the Hershey Food Corporation. Participation ribbons will be awarded to 6-8 year olds for their events. *A complete listing of events and age divisions is available at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center.*

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: Field Events 8:00 a.m.

Track Events 9:30 a.m.

Age: 6-14

Fee: Free to all kids

\$1 admission fee for Adults 18 & older

Location: Rockhurst High School

9301 State Line

Kansas City, MO

Registration Deadline: May 31



Total Baseball Camp

Coach Jerald VanRheen, Head Baseball Coach for GEHS, will cover hitting, pitching, catching, infield play, outfield play, and base running in this two-day camp.

Date: June 15 and 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Fee: \$50.00 (Includes T-Shirt)

Age: 6 and Older

Registration Deadline: June 6



REGISTER TODAY!!

Go to www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks to see more recreation opportunities. Register online, in person at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service

Center located in City Hall or mail registration to
120 E. Main St.
Phone: 856-0936



Capital Projects Update

Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant — The major concrete work on this project is complete and the project remains on track for increased water production by June 1. The City has partnered with Rural Water District No. 7 to provide any additionally necessary water supply to meet our needs. Because of this limited production capability the City is encouraging odd/even watering to help reduce water demand.

North Wastewater Lift Station — The construction contract for this project was awarded to Walters-Morgan Construction Company for \$3.836 million. Work is anticipated to begin in May, with completion anticipated for March 2007. This will replace the lift station located at North Center Street and Colleen Drive and will serve a major portion of Gardner.

Bull Creek Lift Station — Plans are 60% complete for a lift station that will replace the existing Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Poplar and Meadowbrook Circle. When completed in July of 2007, all wastewater will be pumped to the Kill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Bull Creek Plant will be taken out of service and dismantled. Completion of the project is anticipated for July of 2007.

Moonlight & Main Street Intersection and North Moonlight Road —



These projects will reconstruct Moonlight between Warren and 166th Street to a four lane street, reconstruct the intersection of Moonlight and Main including a new traffic signal, and add a traffic signal at Lincoln and Moonlight. The project will be funded by the Federal Highway Administration, the Kansas Department of Transportation, Johnson County, and the City. The project will be administered by KDOT. The contract will be awarded in late 2007, with construction taking place in 2008 and 2009.

Enhancement of Moonlight Road and Main Street Signalization Under Review — KDOT is reevaluating left turn signals for Main Street at the Moonlight intersection. Traffic counts will be taken in April. Staff will continue to work with KDOT on this issue.

Community Calendar

May Day Celebration
Lanesfield School
May 1st
www.jocomuseum.org

City-Wide Garage Sale, **May 6th**
Hosted by Downtown
Merchants Association

Kids' Fishing Derby
May 13th 9:30-11:30 a.m.
At Gardner Lake
www.gardnerparks.com

City-Wide Spring Clean Up
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See information on back
of this page for more details.

Olathe Marathon
Saturday, **May 20th 7 a.m.**
Starts at GEHS
www.olathemarathon.com

Gardner Swimming Pool opens
on **May 27th, 1:00 p.m.**

City Offices Closed in honor of
Memorial Day on
Monday, **May 29th**

Bike Rodeo
June 24th 1:00-3:00 p.m.
At GEHS Parking Lot

Gardner Receives Its Third Tree City USA Award

Gardner has achieved the distinction of receiving its third Tree City USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The City of Gardner was first recognized for its efforts to protect the City's urban forest in 2004.



The receipt of this award is proof of the City's commitment to manage its trees, while protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the overall urban forest.

The City must commit a minimum of \$2 per capita to its forestry program. This provides for care and maintenance of the City's trees through a management program that is conducted by the Gardner Parks and Recreation.

City of Gardner Receives Accounting and Financial Reporting Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Gardner by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Spring Clean Up Scheduled for May 13th

The City of Gardner will conduct its annual Spring Clean-Up on **Saturday, May 13th, 2006.**

How to Participate in the Clean Up

- There is no need to call in and register your pick-up.
- Pick-ups throughout town will begin at 7 a.m.
- Please stack items for pickup within 3 ft. of the curb, in front of your residence, prior to 7a.m. Saturday, May 13th. Items placed after 7a.m. will not be picked up if crews have already come through the neighborhood.
- Crews cannot go onto private property. No items will be picked up from the alleys.
- Items must be small enough to be handled by two people.



What Cannot be Placed On the Curb for the Clean Up

- Absolutely no household trash will be accepted.
- No brush or limbs; please contact your waste hauler to arrange for the pickup of any brush and limbs you might have.
- No barrels, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, air conditioners, old vehicles, radiators, tires, paint or other hazardous waste.
- To dispose of household hazardous waste, contact the Johnson County Environmental Department at 913-715-6900 or online at <http://iced.jocogov.org/Default.htm>

For more details see www.gardnerkansas.gov!

Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
4th Monday, when needed

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month,
the Wednesday following the
2nd Tuesday and the
4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

www.gardnerkansas.gov

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